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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Welcome to the new school year! In the spirit of our Phi Kappa Phi vision, our academic year will be focusing on recognizing academic excellence, and engaging in scholarly activities with our UCM campus.

This past summer, the Society Triennial Convention took place in Orlando, Florida. Our chapter representative was Julie Chapman who provided us with new ideas and valuable information from the convention.

Additionally, our local chapter will be providing grants to campus organizations for assistance with funding for activities including guest speakers, symposiums, travel, and workshops. Our chapter will be awarding four grants in the amount of $250. For more information, please contact: Dr. Sara Sundberg at 660.534.8698.

Message from the Student Chapter President

Greetings fellow students and welcome to a new semester! As we begin a new academic year, I invite you all to become more involved in Phi Kappa Phi on campus. You are all welcome to our regular meetings if you would like to hear what’s going on behind the scenes or if you would like to add your opinions on upcoming events. For a list of meeting dates, contact either myself or Rochelle Barabas and we will be glad to provide you with the information.

Also, we are currently in the process of planning some student events, so keep your eyes and ears open for things to come! Additionally, if you have any ideas for student workshops, meetings, activities, etc. that you would really like for PKP to do, let us know; the Student Executive Board is here for you.

Finally, I want to encourage you all to join us at this year’s initiation to meet and welcome our newest PKP members. It is a lovely event and an excellent opportunity to meet and network with other PKP members as well as the chapter officers. So, I hope you all have a wonderful semester and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

~Amber Kobelt
November Initiation for Phi Kappa Phi

This year’s initiation ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the Union: Room 236-238 and the Charno Room. Our theme for this year’s event is “Love of Learning”. The keynote speaker for the ceremony is Dr. Joseph Lewandowski, Associate Professor and Philosophy Program Coordinator at the University of Central Missouri. Additionally, we will be honoring our award winners for the Phi Kappa Phi grants and also our service award recipients.

All Phi Kappa Phi members are welcome to join us for our ceremony to celebrate our new initiates. There will be a reception following immediately in the piano lounge with refreshments.

Phi Kappa Phi initiation pictures from the Fall 2006 Initiation.

**PHI KAPPA PHI NATIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION:**
Congratulations to UCM’s Dr. Amber Clifford for receiving a special award for her service to our local chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Dr. Clifford has been granted the Unsung Heroine Award from the National Headquarters! See page 6 for more details.

**LOCAL CHAPTER #135 AWARDS & RECOGNITION:**
Phi Kappa Phi has honored the following members for their service and leadership during the 2007 Spring Membership Meeting:

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*All students were seniors graduating from UCM, and we appreciate them dedicating time during their busy schedules!*

[phikappaphi.org](http://phikappaphi.org)
Faculty and Staff Nominations

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is accepting nominations for faculty or staff that have performed outstanding achievements or services at UCM. Members can be initiated as students, faculty or staff.

The Society provides resources and benefits which are developed to assist with academic and professional needs. Benefits of the Society include: publications, awards, scholarships, training, networking, and leadership opportunities.

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Rochelle Barabas to get the nomination form. Contact information: rbarabas@ucmo.edu or 660.543.4725.

The deadline for nominations is: **Friday, October 5th**.

Keynote Speaker for Fall PKP Initiation

**Joseph D. Lewandowski** is Associate Professor and Philosophy Program Coordinator at the University of Central Missouri. The recipient of numerous grants and awards, Dr. Lewandowski was most recently a US Fulbright Scholar in Political Theory at Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic). His first book, *Interpreting Culture* (University of Nebraska Press), has been cited as “a highly original and signal contribution” to debates in the philosophy of social science. Dr. Lewandowski has published extensively in social and political philosophy and philosophy of social science, including recent articles in the *Journal of Social Philosophy*, the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, and the *Journal of Poverty*. He is currently co-editing a volume on the emergence of democracy and market economies in Central and Eastern Europe, and writing a monograph on urban culture and civil society.

Updating Our Local Chapter Contact Info

Currently, we are working on revising our Chapter #135 files. We would like to know updated information to improve communication between our local chapter and our members of Phi Kappa Phi. Please email Rochelle Barabas at: rbarabas@ucmo.edu or you can update your profile with the Phi Kappa Phi Headquarters website at www.phikappaphi.org. Please include the following information: name, email, mailing address, and phone number.
Awards & Scholarships Available From Headquarters

Study Abroad Grants
Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants are designed to support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. This scholarship is open to any undergraduate who attends an institution with an active Phi Kappa Phi chapter. Applicants do not have to be a member in order to apply. Application Deadline: February 18, 2008.

Literacy Grants
Grants of up to $2,500 are available to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and individual members to fund ongoing literacy projects or to create new initiatives. The Society’s commitment to the cause of literacy grows out of and is consistent with its mission, which was expanded to include “...and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

Graduate Fellowships Available from National Phi Kappa Phi
Every year, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards sixty Fellowships of $5,000 each and forty Awards of Excellence of $2,000 each to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. Each Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the Society-wide awards. For more information about graduate fellowships or other awards and scholarships, please go to the following website: www.phikappaphi.org and click on “Scholarships and Awards”. If you would like to be considered as a candidate from our Chapter #135, please contact Rochelle Barabas at 660.543.4725. The deadline for entry is February 1, 2008.

New! Love of Learning Awards
Phi Kappa Phi’s board of directors recently approved the creation of a new awards program, Love of Learning Awards. Love of Learning Awards will help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members to include (but not be limited to): Graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching/studies, etc. Recipients of the Fellowship award are not eligible to apply. Fifty awards, up to $500 each, will be awarded, making the annual funding for this award $25,000.

The competition is open to all active (dues current) Phi Kappa Phi members who:

- Have completed their baccalaureate studies by application submission deadline.
- Did not receive a Fellowship or Award of Excellence grant.

The application deadline for these awards is June 30, 2008. A writeable application is available to download at www.PhiKappaPhi.org/web/scholarships/loveoflearning.html.

New! Emerging Scholar Awards
Phi Kappa Phi’s board of directors recently approved the creation of a new awards program, Emerging Scholar Awards. Emerging Scholar Awards will recognize outstanding rising sophomores studying at Phi Kappa Phi member institutions. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi will grant 60 awards in the amount of $250 to students who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Attend an institution with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale;
- Have a minimum of 30 semester hours (or equivalent, excluding all AP, Credit by Exam, transfer credits, etc.) of academic credit

The application deadline for these awards is: July 14, 2008. Please visit the website: http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Scholarships/ for the application form.
UCM Chapter of PHI KAPPA PHI Announces:

2007-2008 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM

The University of Central Missouri Chapter of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi announces the availability of a limited number of grants for supplemental funding of non-classroom activities at UCM. Campus organizations, departments, or other organized groups at UCM may apply for partial support of activities such as guest speakers, traveling exhibitions, seminars, panel discussions, guest artists, and other projects of campus-wide interest. The activities for which support is requested must be compatible with the high standards of scholarship and quality which Phi Kappa Phi represents. The Supplemental Grant Committee of the UCM Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will screen all applications and approve amounts (up to $250) for successful applications.

The grant application deadline for activities during the academic year 2007-2008 is Friday, October 26, at 5:00 p.m. Applications may be obtained by contacting:

Sara Brooks Sundberg, Vice-President, Phi Kappa Phi
Department of History and Anthropology
Wood 136
543-8698
ssundberg@ucmo.edu

Student Executive Board Update

Currently, we are looking to complete our executive board for a student chapter at UCM. We would like to use this new direction to allow students within the Society to become recognized leaders on campus. The student executive board would be assisting the current executive board in planning initiation, assisting with public relations, and developing activities to network with other Phi Kappa Phi members.

We have one leadership position available: secretary.

If you know of a student who would be interested in serving a leadership role, please have them contact:
Rochelle Barabas, rbarabas@ucmo.edu OR
Amber Kobelt, akobelt@gmail.com

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Dr. Amber Clifford, Instructor of Anthropology at the University of Central Missouri, Chapter #135 of Phi Kappa Phi, was recently awarded an Unsung Heroine Award by Phi Kappa Phi Headquarters. The service recognition award is for her many hours of work coordinating, planning, designing, mailing, and corresponding with the current members, initiates, and the campus community over the past several years.

The Unsung Hero/Heroine Award was approved on a pilot basis by the Board of Directors for the 2004-2007 triennium. The purpose of the award is to recognize chapter officers who put forth extra effort in conducting chapter operations at the local level. Nominations are submitted by other chapter officers and Phi Kappa Phi Headquarters staff. Dr. Clifford has been the first and only recipient of the service award on the University of Central Missouri’s campus.

“All of the hours committed by Dr. Clifford were through her volunteerism and commitment to excellence for our students, faculty, and staff at the University of Central Missouri. She has been a valuable asset to serving our mission by engaging in the community of scholars through service to others,” said Rochelle Barabas, president of the University of Central Missouri’s Phi Kappa Phi Chapter #135.

“We are pleased to join our local chapters in recognizing members of Phi Kappa Phi who work diligently – often behind the scenes – to create a successful chapter,” said Kathy Marcel, chapter relations director for Phi Kappa Phi. “The work of the Society could not be accomplished without the dedication of people like Dr. Clifford.”

Dr. Clifford is one of approximately 1,500 chapter officers nationwide who volunteer to serve Phi Kappa Phi’s more than 300 campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.